

**In the Abstract**

Please delete the Abstract and replace with the following:

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--An umbrella with an illuminated shaft is provided. The shaft of the umbrella is provided with a clear, neon-colored tube. A light source or sources, such as incandescent lamps, located on the interior of the tube provide bright illumination to make the umbrella user more visible to approaching motorists. Thus, in dark and rainy conditions, where visibility is the poorest, the umbrella is clearly seen and is accordingly more safe while user travels by foot. The light sources are powered by two AA batteries and are controlled by an on/off switch.--

**In the Claims**

Please amend the following claims by deleting the language which is enclosed in brackets

"[]" and inserting the language which is underlined "\_\_\_\_\_".

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SBC 1.(Once Amended) An umbrella comprising:

[an umbrella, said umbrella having] a retractable head; a shaft, said shaft and said retractable head operate together to alternately extend, lock, and retract said retractable head;

<sup>said shaft having</sup>  
[and] a shaft lower end;

a handle section, said handle section affixed to said shaft lower end; and

an illumination means affixed to said handle section.